

and everyone knows I have no temper but the thing that bothers me more is when there is a legitimate issue before this body to be legitimately discussed and there is an attempt to stifle that discussion. Now I raised a point with the Lieutenant Governor when I said that the time for the ruling is not on the resolution debate. The time for the ruling of the Lieutenant Governor is when there is the appointment of that particular committee. I would be more than happy to talk to the Attorney General about the issue but I will not tolerate, I will not tolerate any attempt to stifle legitimate discussion of any issue in this body. So, Mr. President, with those remarks, I appeal the decision of the Chair respectfully.

PRESIDENT: So that the membership will have some basis upon which we can vote upon the concluding remarks by myself, I will again tell you what has happened. The Chair initiated nothing. Senator Dworak, not the Chair, made a motion which he has a perfect right to do. If there is any untimeliness, it is on Senator Dworak's part, not on the Chair's part and I don't know what would motivate the Chair other than the Rules. Now Senator DeCamp and Senator Lewis have a resolution and the merits of the resolution itself are totally beside the point. We are here to decide a point of procedure contained in your Rules. I did, before I made my ruling, suggest a way out of this dilemma and that is to get an immediate opinion of the Attorney General and the Chair would be bound by it so that we could proceed one way or another, but notwithstanding that, the Chair has been accused of some sort of motivation other than this. Senator Dworak, for his own purposes then, asked the Chair to rule on the motion made by Senator DeCamp to consider this. The Chair, after looking at the rule, and you might check it again before you vote, it is Rule 3, section 22, and it says, "No investigating committee of the Legislature shall be created except by resolution which shall set forth with supporting statements the reasons for and the purposes of the investigation, and no committee thus established shall function except during the interim between legislative sessions." So the key to this question is whether or not what Senator DeCamp and Senator Lewis are calling for is an investigating committee. Now it doesn't make any difference what the subject matter is. If it is an investigating committee, then it can only be set up during the interim. On the other hand, if it is another type of committee, it can be set up now. Regardless of how this vote comes out, I sincerely urge these two Senators and everybody else to get an Attorney General's opinion. So the question before the house is....Senator DeCamp, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I would like to comment on this, Mr. President, since it is my resolution.

PRESIDENT: On the appeal?

SENATOR DeCAMP: On the appeal.

PRESIDENT: Well, I thought Senator Lewis would carry the burden for the appellants.